

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

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37. (Currently Amended) A system for use in communication between a plurality of users:

(a) one or more service programs for causing at least one computer to maintain at least one record of at least location information for where a first user is logged in at a first communication device; and

(b) one or more collaboration initiation programs for

- allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one network,
- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the second communication device, the user interface including at least one scrollable rolodex of user identifying entries, and
- allowing the second user to select the first user from the user interface;

wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to

- keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,
- notify the second user if the first user is not logged in,
- respond to the second user's selection by causing retrieval of addressing information for the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users, ~~and~~
- when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first communication device, from

the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,

- maintain at least one directory of potential users,
- maintain at least one database including location information of respective communication devices where potential users are logged in, and
- maintain an association between the potential users and the corresponding location information of the respective communication devices where the potential users are logged in , wherein the association is dynamically changeable based on tracking of location of client programs at the respective communication devices so that a logged in potential user can be located no matter where the potential user is located,

wherein the display of information in the at least one scrollable rolodex of user identifying entries is based on information from the at least one directory of potential users.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the communication includes real-time text.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the first communication device is a wireless device.

40. (Currently amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the at least one network is a wide area network.

41. (Currently amended) The system of claim 38, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to:

- select a new user from among the ~~plurality of~~ potential users, and
- cause that new user to be added to an existing communication.

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to:

- detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the second user,
- notify the second user of the attempt, and
- allow the second user to establish a communication with the third user.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 42, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on a user's display.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to send an e-mail to the first user.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the communication includes at least one image.

46. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the communication capabilities are tracked by at least one server.

47. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.

48. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 38, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to create a personalized rolodex.

49. (Currently Amended) A system for use in real-time communication between a plurality of users, comprising:

(a) one or more service programs for causing at least one computer to maintain at least one record of at least location information for where the first user is logged in at a first communication device; and

(b) one or more collaboration initiation programs for

- allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one network,
- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the second communication device, the user interface including a plurality of user identifying entries, and
- allowing the second user to select the first user from the user interface,

wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to

- keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,
- respond to the second user's selection by causing the retrieval of addressing information of the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users,
- when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first communication device, from the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,
- detect an incoming communication, from at least one communicating user, at the first communication device of the first user during an active communication with the second user,
- notify the first user of the identity of each of the communicating users, and
- provide the first user with an option of accepting the incoming communication.
- ~~detect a request by a third user to initiate a communication with the second user,~~

- ~~notify the second user of the request by causing a notification of the attempt, including the identification of the third user, to appear automatically on the display of the second communication device, and~~
- ~~allow the second user to accept the request by the third user.~~

50. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the user identifying entries include at least one graphical icon representing a user.

51. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 50, wherein the first user is selected by the second user clicking on the icon.

52. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 50, wherein the communication includes video.

53. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the communication capabilities are tracked by at least one server.

54. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.

55. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the first user's communication device is a wireless device and the location information includes address information.

56. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 55, wherein the at least one network is a wide area network.

57. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 53, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to add a new user to an existing communication.

58. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the first user to indicate a willingness to receive requests for communications.

59. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 52, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to send an e-mail to the first user.

60. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 49, wherein the communications includes text.

61. (Currently Amended) A system for use in real-time communication between a plurality of users, comprising:

(a) one or more service programs for causing at least one computer to maintain at least one record of at least location information for where the first user is logged in at a first communication device; and

(b) one or more collaboration initiation programs for

- allowing a second user to log in at a second communication device and to connect to at least one wireless network,
- presenting a user interface on a display associated with the second communication device, the user interface including a plurality of user identifying entries, and
- allowing the second user to select the first user from the user interface,

wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs are operable to

- keep track of the communication capabilities of the first communication device,
- respond to the second user's selection by causing the retrieval of addressing information of the first user, which addressing information can be used to establish a connection between the first and second users, and
- when such connection is established, enable real-time communication, based on the communication capabilities of at least the first

communication device, from the first user to be displayed on at least the display of the second communication device,

- maintain at least one directory of potential users,
- maintain at least one database including location information of respective communication devices where potential users are logged in, and
- maintain an association between potential users and the corresponding location information of the respective communication devices where the potential users are logged in, wherein the association is dynamically changeable based on tracking of location of client programs at the respective communication devices so that a logged in potential user can be located no matter where the potential user is located,

wherein the display of user identifying entries is based on information from the at least one directory of potential users.

62. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the communication includes real-time text.

63. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the user identifying entries are in a scrollable list including at least one graphical icon.

64. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 63, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to indicate to the second user whether the first user is not logged in.

65. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 64, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to allow the second user to:

- select a new user from among ~~a plurality of~~ the potential users, and
- cause that new user to be added to an existing communication.

66. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to:

- detect an attempt by a third user to initiate a communication with the second user,
- notify the second user of the attempt, and
- allow the second user to establish a communication with the third user.

67. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 66, wherein the one or more collaboration initiation programs and the one or more service programs further are operable to cause an indication of the attempt to initiate communications to appear automatically on the display of the second communication device.

68. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 62, wherein the communications includes video.

69. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein the communication capabilities are tracked by at least one server.

70. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 61, wherein at least one communication device is a computer.